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Memo

To: Demolition Applicants
From: Annette Curbow, Health Compliance Officer
Date: February 1, 2023
RE: Integrative Pest Management Requirements for Demolitions

In 2021, the Arlington Health Department updated their demolitions requirements so that the interior and exterior of the property must be inspected by a licensed Pest Control Operator (PCO) for the presence of pests and rodents. The PCO shall assess the property and develop an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) treatment plan that will be in place prior to commencing demolition activities and remain in place through the duration of the project. A copy of the pest control inspection report and IPM treatment plan must be submitted with all demolition applications.

What is the BOH looking for in an IPM treatment plan?

As part of the demolition application, contractors must provide a copy of the IMP treatment plan that includes:

- A summary of the property assessment and level of activity noted
- If needed, sanitation and mechanical prevention suggestions
- If needed, installed rodent control equipment (i.e. snap traps in tamper proof boxes)
- Ongoing monitoring activities
- **If rodenticides are used**, explain previous treatment attempts and PCO rational for deploying rodenticides

What is integrated pest management?

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common-sense practices. IPM programs use current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment. This information, in combination with available pest control methods, is used to manage pest damage by the most economical means, and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

An IPM approach at a demolition site means that the PCO has completed a thorough assessment of the property. Following the assessment, they should identify and suggest sanitation and mechanical controls to prevent rodent activity. If during their assessment, rodent activity is identified, the PCO should take an IPM approach by implementing non-toxic rodent control methods first such as snap traps or dry-ice treatment. When following IPM, rodenticides should always be reserved as a last resort for severe rodent infestations.



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DEMOLITION APPLICATION

Inspection Fee: \$50.00

(Must Be Submitted With Application)

Property Address: _____ Date of Demolition: _____

Property Owner: _____ Phone #: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

1. ASBESTOS

An inspection of the facility by a licensed asbestos contractor must be conducted prior to demolition.

***Applicant must include inspection report from licensed asbestos contractor with this application.**

Licensed asbestos contractor name and license number: _____

Is asbestos present: yes _____ no _____

If asbestos is found during inspection, all material must be removed prior to demolition. The Department of Environmental Protection requires notification at least 10 business days prior to asbestos removal activities. Material must be disposed of properly and all records must be submitted to Board of Health Office.

Type of material present: _____

Licensed contractor removing material if different from above: _____

2. MERCURY SWITCHES

Are mercury switches present: yes _____ no: _____

note: switches are commonly found in gas and oil furnaces, sump pumps, flow meters, appliances, float switches, wall thermostats

Thermostats must be disposed of through a Board of Health approved method as required by **Arlington Board of Health Regulation on the Disposal of Mercury Thermostats**. Failure to dispose of mercury containing thermostats properly will result in a \$200.00 fine. Thermostats and mercury containing devices may be brought to the Board of Health Office, 27 Maple Street or to the Department of Public Work Office at the Town Hall and will be collected free of charge.

3. ABANDONED CHEMICAL

present: yes: _____ no: _____

type of material present: _____ approximate amount present: _____

how will material be removed, disposed of: _____

4. COOLANT GASES (freon from air conditioners or cooling units such as refrigeration)

present: yes: _____ no: _____

type of material present: _____ approximate amount present: _____

how will material be removed, disposed of: _____

Freon equipment at the property must be purged by an approved person and agent must present copy of the document noting that all freon has been removed in accordance with EPA/DEP requirements.

5. BATTERIES

Present: yes: _____ no: _____

Type of material present: _____ Approximate amount present: _____

How will material be removed, disposed of: _____

6. FUELS AND STORAGE TANKS

Property must be inspected for underground storage tanks and tanks must be removed under Fire Department permits.

A copy of the tank removal and disposal report from a licensed fuel tank removal company must be submitted to the Board of Health Office with this application.

Present: yes:_____ no:_____

Type of material present:_____ Approximate amount present:_____

How will material be removed, disposed of:_____

Material used to heat facility: oil:_____ gas:_____ electric:_____

7. HYDRAULIC FLUIDS

Present: yes:_____ no:_____

Type of material present:_____ Approximate amount present:_____

How will material be removed, disposed of:_____

8. FLOURESCENT LIGHT TUBES

Present: yes:_____ no:_____

Type of material present:_____ Approximate amount present:_____

How will material be removed, disposed of:_____

9. DIELECTRIC FLUIDS (BALLASTS and TRANSFORMERS)

Present: yes:_____ no:_____

Type of material present:_____ Approximate amount present:_____

How will material be removed, disposed of:_____

11. DUST CONTROL:

All demolition sites must have a contract with the Arlington Fire Department for a Fire Department detail to be onsite at all times during the demolition of a property.

12. PEST CONTROL:

The interior and exterior of the property must be inspected by a licensed Pest Control Operator (PCO) for the presence of pests and rodents. The PCO shall access the property and develop an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) treatment plan that will be in place prior to commencing demolition activities and remain in place through the duration of the project.

A copy of the pest control inspection report and IPM treatment plan must be submitted with this application.

13. BUILDING COMPONENTS CONTAMINATED BY FORMER SITE OPERATIONS:

Has a hazardous waste site designation been filed with the D.E.P. for this site?_____

Type of material present:_____ Approximate amount present:_____

Where is material present?: _____

How will material be removed, disposed of:_____

Name of Licensed Site Professional (LSP) handling site assessments:_____

LSP Contact information:_____

Information is accurate and has been reviewed by a person in charge of the demolition prior to submitting this document to the Arlington Board of Health

Signature:_____ Date:_____

PRINT:_____

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Health Department Inspector:_____ Date of Inspection:_____

Comments:

Signature:_____